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CONSTRUCTION OF LUXURY HOTELS ON RAILWAY LAND
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways are considering to enter the hospitality sector as reported in the Times of India dated July 24, 2005 ;

(b) if so, the name of the sites identified for construction of luxury hotels ;

(c) whether there is also any proposal under the consideration of Railways to construct market complexes and malls on the railway land ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the sites selected for the above purposes?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) Indian Railways are already in the hospitality sector and are presently operating Rail Yatri Niwas and retiring rooms. Indian Railways now plan to build budget hotels at selected locations.

(b) Sites have been identified for budget hotels at six places viz. Madurai, Bangalore, Bhopal (Habibganj), Chandigarh, Sealdah, and Secunderabad. Indian Railways are not constructing luxury hotels.

(c) & (d): There is no specific proposal under consideration to construct market complex and malls on Railway land. However, commercial development of land undertaken by Railway includes various end uses of land determined through market feasibility study of the site(s). Such end use of land may also include marketing complex, malls etc.